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## Final Countdown to the Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit June 17, 2021

You won't want to miss this biennial, **statewide event for arts educators, teaching artists and education leaders**. This year's keynote address and breakout sessions will focus on how essential skills like creativity and collaboration can be cultivated to support Iowa's Social-Emotional Learning Competencies, including self-management, self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making.

**Registration is free this year to ensure that everyone has access to professional development** that can help them support students in every classroom and corner of the state.



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Through the **#lowansUnite Community Pride video contest**, cities and economic development organizations are invited to submit creative and inspirational videos showcasing the importance of small businesses to their community. The video and town that receives the most votes will be paired up with Iowa artist Ben Schuh, who will design and create a one-of-a-kind mural to welcome visitors to their community. Submissions are due June 22, with online voting running from June 23 through June 30.

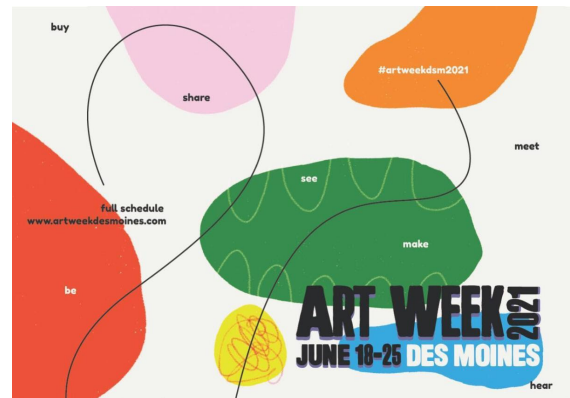
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## Experience and Promote the Arts This Summer

**Art Week Des Moines** returns **June 18-25, 2021**.

The volunteer-based effort, now in its seventh year, is open to Central Iowa artists wanting to showcase their work, and encourages artists and arts supporters to organize events and programs that reach across generations and art genres.

Art Week Des Moines leads up to the [Des Moines Arts Festival](#), taking place in Western Gateway Park **June 25-27**.



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Iowa Arts Council Grantee **Summer of the Arts** is returning to full form in 2021 with family-friendly summertime arts and cultural festivals in downtown Iowa City. This year's lineup includes a long-running **Free Movie Series**, in partnership with FilmScene and others, and features the return of the **Iowa City Jazz Festival**, **Soul and Blues Festival**, and the **Iowa Arts Festival**.

Iowa venues may register to participate in **Independent Venue Week**, happening **July 12-18, 2021**. The annual national event brings together venues from across the country to celebrate and promote the impact of the live music event industry. Independent Venue Week

originated in the United Kingdom and came to the United States in 2018. The 2020 version featured 144 venues in 80 cities across 33 states.



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## Iowa Arts Council Grantee Spotlight



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### Muscatine Art Project

Students in the agriculture and welding programs at **Muscatine Community College** recently worked with Quad Cities artist **John VandeWalle** to create and install a 40-foot long metal sculpture on campus, supported by an Iowa Arts Council Arts Project grant. The artwork celebrates the community's agricultural heritage and is part of a series of metal sculptures planned for campus.



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### Sapient\_2.021 Art Film

Sapient\_2.021 is a short art film documentary exploring labor, empathy, and humanity in the tech-saturated era of the pandemic. **This performative experimental film was conceived by artist Amenda Tate, creator of the Manibus Project**, and supported in part by the Iowa Arts Council. The concept is brought to life through the collaborative efforts of an immensely talented cast and crew of Iowans - all creative innovators in their own right.





Springboard for the Arts is offering a **new fellowship to help creative rural leaders in the upper Midwest strengthen their communities through art and culture.** In all, 10 fellows will be chosen for the Rural Regenerator Fellowship program based on their commitment to rural arts-based community development, their interest in sharing their experiences with other fellows, and their desire to grow, adapt or launch new community-focused work. **Each fellow will receive \$10,000 in flexible funds** to support existing work and/or to launch a new local project. Applications are due by **June 11, 2021.**

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## Performing Arts Discovery Program

The **National Endowment for the Arts, U.S. Regional Arts Organizations** and **Western Arts Alliance** are teaming up to offer an **international showcase opportunity for performing artists.** During the first round, 10 artists will be selected to showcase their work at this year's Western Arts Alliance and Arts Midwest Conferences. 20 more artists and ensembles will be selected for additional showcase opportunities during a second round. Applications from those who self-identify as BIPOC and/or LGBTQ+ artists are encouraged. **The deadline to apply is June 25, 2021.**



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## Call for Entries

### Community Enhancement Through Architecture & Design Awards

The Iowa Architectural Foundation invites statewide nominations for its **2021 Community**



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**Enhancement Through Architecture and Design awards.** The awards recognize those individuals, organizations, agencies or communities outside the architectural profession who have had a significant and positive impact on the quality of life in Iowa through their support of architecture and/or urban design. Winners will have demonstrated consistent and effective leadership, vision and support for architecture that has contributed to the betterment of any Iowa community(s). **Nomination deadline: June 30 at 5 p.m.**

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## Arts Midwest: Professional Development



Arts Midwest, through its Professional Development committee, is now **accepting session, speaker and networking ideas for this year's online gathering.** Arts Midwest seeks speakers who represent the diversity of lived experiences of the arts and culture field and will prioritize session proposals that capture the most pressing issues facing the industry today and into the future. **Deadline: June 14.**

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## Current NEA Funding Opportunities